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Lumpkin Withdraws

Suddenly Quits Senatorial Race, Leaving Senator Tillman Without Opposition for Reelection.

Columbia special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: The jig is up. It was most unexpected that Col. W. W. Lumpkin entered the race for United States Senator and just as unexpectedly has he dropped out. Tonight he gave the bureau this card:

"On account of a change of conditions surrounding the senatorial race I deem it best to withdraw from the contest. I have endeavored to conduct my campaign in a manly, straightforward way up to this time, and I retire feeling that I have not intentionally wronged any one."

"Respectfully,
"W. W. Lumpkin."

This was all Col. Lumpkin had to say and it means quite enough. It settles the senatorial contest and Benjamin R. Tillman will be re-elected to the United States Senate without opposition for six years. Whether this will change his plans as to a series of personal meetings is unknown. Col. Lumpkin has acted with dignity in his brief ambition to be Senator.

No cause is assigned for this move, but the hopelessness of the fight, as generally conceded by the press, may have brought the matter to a climax.

The Lancaster and Chesterfield Railroad--Progress of Work of Construction.

Extract from interview with W. S. Blakeney in Monroe Journal: "What about the railroads in Chesterfield county? Did you see the work of extension Mr. Page is doing out from Ruby? We are interested here in Union county and Monroe, are we not?"

"Yes, I visited the work of extension of the Chesterfield and Lancaster railroad on my way to Chesterfield. I was told there are only about forty hands at work, but there is considerable progression, nevertheless. Mr. Page's company gets about \$1,700 in county bonds for every mile of track it puts down, and they have reached a point now where this sum will probably pay the cost of grading through the balance of the county. I understand they have sufficiently financed the road to complete it through the county and will do so as quickly as practicable."

"They have graded the road already to a point which they have named 'Guess,' and to which I volunteered the word 'What' as an amendment. It has been known heretofore as 'Gum Spring' or the 'Race Paths,' and is about five miles west from Ruby. In the old days men met there to swap drinks and dollars

on horse races, but no one ever thought enough of the location to erect a house, except a small negro church which had a hard struggle for existence. But lots and streets are now being laid off both there and at Mt. Croghan, which is three miles nearer Ruby. I was informed that there will be auction sales of lots at both places soon, and houses will be ready for business this fall, and some business is going to be done, too."

"From 'Guess' the railroad could be very well diverted to Jefferson and thence to Lancaster by way of Taxahaw, but the prevailing opinion is that the work will proceed to Fox Place (which name should be abandoned), and thence to Five Forks, or by a line following the valley of Hills Creek through the county."

A Killing over in North Carolina--Man Shot to Death in his Buggy.

From Our Home, Marshville, N. C.

Yesterday morning J. W. Hill shot and instantly killed Marion Burgess, using a shot gun. Hill and Burgess had not been on friendly terms for some time. Early yesterday morning Burgess and his wife were in a buggy on their way to Stanley county and were passing Hill's house. Hill saw them coming and ran to the house to get his shot gun. As he approached the buggy from the rear Burgess pleaded with him not to shoot. Seeing that he intended to shoot he asked his wife to get out. Just as she had left the buggy Hill fired at close range, the load entering Burgess' head from the rear and passing out at his forehead, crushing his head to pieces. We understand that this is the story as related by the wife of Burgess who, it is said, was the only witness.

Mr. Hill's explanation is that Burgess had despoiled his home and was accused by his wife of having criminally assaulted her, and stated that it was not the first time that he had attempted the crime, but she had up to this time refrained from telling her husband, as Burgess had threatened to kill her and her husband both if she told it. Hill talks freely of the tragedy and doesn't seem to be in the least uneasy as to the outcome. He went to Monroe yesterday and surrendered to the officers and was committed to jail without bail to appear at a preliminary hearing July 9th. He is 30 years old and has two children. Burgess was 40 years old and leaves six children and a wife.

We understand that Mr. Hill reports that as he approached Burgess the latter reached for his pistol, and that he then fired at him.

The democratic state convention of North Carolina endorsed Bryan this week for President.

The Orangeburg Tragedy.

The Survivor of the Street Duel Gives his Version of the Affair.

Mr. R. H. Covar, who recently shot and killed Mr. J. T. Parks in a street duel in Orangeburg, as published in The News at the time, has sufficiently recovered from the wounds he received to make the following statement in relation to the unfortunate tragedy:

"The difficulty originated out of business matters solely. Mr. Funderburg and myself bought the entire Patriot plant from Mr. Parks for a certain sum of money, he paying the outstanding debts. After we took possession of the property Mr. Parks insisted that we pay the outstanding debts, amounting to five hundred dollars, which we declined to do upon the ground that this was not contained in our contract. This matter became accentuated between Mr. Parks and myself, finally becoming a personal matter. Mr. Parks and myself had pleasant business relations prior to the sale of the paper. On account of threats communicated to me, I armed myself. I had not seen Mr. Parks for several months until the day of the difficulty, when I saw him pass through Church street. I stayed in the printing office in Church street most of the morning, when finally my father asked me to get the mail, as he wanted to read the paper. I looked out in the street first, and not seeing Mr. Parks, I went to the post-office. As I passed Doyle's drug store in going I saw Mr. Parks standing in front of Bosch's store, his back to me."

"When I got the mail I went to Mr. Lathrop's office to attend to some Knights of Honor business, and, coming out, I started to go to my place of business, by way of the court house. When I was about the middle of the street I saw Mr. Parks and Mr. Funderburg sitting on the steps of the old Patriot office, next to Mr. Hildebrand's office. In order to avoid him I turned to my left and went into Mr. Brailford's law office and collected a bill. I stayed in his office fifteen or twenty minutes, explaining to him that I wished to avoid Mr. Parks. Finally I looked out and, seeing Mr. Parks gone, started to my office. In front of the fire engine hall I started diagonally across the street. I had a bundle of mail in my arms and was glancing through it. When about opposite the rear door of the court house and just as I stepped on the pavement Mr. Parks faced me, saying: 'I want to tell you, you are a—' using an epithet—and struck me with his fist. He struck me in my good eye and kind of stunned or blinded me. He knocked me back off the pavement in the street about a step. Mr. Parks

reached for his pistol in his right hand hip pocket and I instinctively reached for mine. I was in my shirt sleeves and had my pistol in my bosom. I had to unbutton my shirt before I could get my pistol out, and so Mr. Parks got to fire the first shot, which I felt strike my hat and knocked it backward. My hat is perforated. My first shot and Mr. Parks's second shot were fired about the same time. Both emptied our pistols and both started to reload, when bystanders interfered.

"No one regrets as much as I do this unfortunate difficulty."

Mayor Blakeney Commended for his Action in Dispensary Matter.

Kershaw Era: We are informed that when the dispensary was opened Saturday Mayor Blakeney phoned to Judge Jones at Lancaster for official confirmation of the published report that he had granted a temporary injunction against the opening of the dispensary here and that, notwithstanding Mr. Welsh had not been served with the papers, he advised him to close up and respect the orders of the court in the matter, and obey the spirit of the law.

This voluntary action on the part of Mr. Blakeney deserves special commendation, for had he not taken this course the dispensary would have doubtless remained open the whole afternoon and part of the day yesterday.

Man Killed in Yorkville by Live Wire.

Yorkville, July 4.—J. A. Hedgepath, general overseer of the Clover cotton mill, was killed yesterday by coming in contact with an electric wire in the mill which was heavily charged with electric current. He had been in the employ of the mill about 15 years. He leaves a wife and three children.

Convention of R. F. D. Carriers.

The South Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association held its third annual convention this week in Laurens. Next year's convention will be held in Greenville. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: S. G. McDaniel, of Laurens, president; W. G. Peterson, of Newberry, vice president; Arthur W. Hill, of Greenville, secretary; J. E. Johnson, of Lanford, treasurer. Delegates were elected to the National Association, which meets next October in Peoria, Ill.

A Hard Lot

of troubles to contend with, spring from a torpid liver and blackened bowels, unless you awaken them to their proper action with Dr. King's New Life Pills; the pleasant and most effective cure for constipation. They prevent appendicitis and tone up the system. 25c at Funderburg Pharmacy, Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey Co., drug store.

Young Cureton Drowned.

Greenville special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: Van Cureton, aged 22 years, proprietor of a soft drink and quick lunch saloon and a son of Mr. Thomas Cureton, a well-known police officer of the city, was drowned this morning while in bathing at the lake at Chick Springs, the fashionable resort near Greenville. Cureton is thought to have been seized with cramp while in deep water.

A Pleasant and Profitable Meeting of the Franklin Circle.

Reported for The News.

To Mrs. Harry Hines the Franklin Circle is indebted for a most enjoyable meeting last Monday afternoon. The study for this meeting was from the New Testament as follows:

Foundation of the church on the day of Pentecost, Mrs. J. E. Mackorell; Persecution and its effect on Church Extension, Miss Hattie Miller. The members were pleased to have with them as guests of honor Mrs. Butler of Abbeville, Mrs. John Green, Mrs. Claude Henry and Miss Lizzie Tillman.

Delicious sherbet, cake, fruits and Hyler's bonbons were served by Kate Hines, Euphemia Ganson and Emmie Reid. Miss Lizzie Tillman rendered some sweet and lovely selections on the piano, which added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

The Socialists of Georgia have nominated a full state ticket, headed by J. B. Osborne, of Atlanta, for governor. He is blind. The nominee for school commissioner is a woman, Mrs. M. A. Thomas, of Augusta.

Cholera of a malignant type has broken out in Manila and neighboring provinces.

Bryan was the orator at the annual Independence Day dinner of the American Society in London. The subject of his address was the white man's burden.

The state campaigners are taking a few days' rest. The leading feature of the meetings thus far held was the feeling developed between Lyon and Ragsdale, two of the three candidates for attorney general. Ragsdale charges Lyon with receiving "double pay"—pay both as a member of the legislature and as a member of the dispensary investigating committee. He also charges him with not itemizing his expense account as required by law.

Only 82 Years Old.

"I am only 82 years old and don't expect even when I get to be real old to get that way as long as I can get Electric Bitters," says Mrs. E. H. Brunson, of Dublin, Ga. Surely there's nothing else keeps the old as young and makes the weak as strong as this grand tonic medicine. Dyspepsia, torpid liver, inflamed kidneys, chronic constipation are unknown after taking Electric Bitters a reasonable time. Guaranteed by Funderburg Pharmacy, Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey Co., druggists. Price 50c.